

Three Republicans At Corning Seek Seat in Congress

H. M. Pratt Has Fight on
His Hands to Secure
Renomination

A.B. Houghton in Field

He Is Backed by Fassett; Fay
M. White in Race; Demo-
crats Hopeful

By Charles T. White

ELMIRA, N. Y., April 27.—Chemung and Steuben counties have staged many a political battle, but one is now framed up over the seat in Congress filled by Harry H. Pratt, of Corning, who is serving his second term, that bids fair to equal anything the southern tier has witnessed.

Representative Pratt will have for an opponent in the primaries Alanson B. Houghton, head of the Corning Glass Works. He is reputed to be a millionaire, is a Harvard graduate and man of affairs. Fay M. White, a Corning lawyer, also says that he is a candidate. All live in Corning.

Back of Mr. Houghton's candidacy are the more prominent Republican leaders in Steuben, Chemung, Tioga, Tompkins and Schuyler counties. Ex-Representatives J. Sloan Fassett, of Elmira, and John Dwight, of Dryden, Tompkins County; William A. Smyth, of Owego, and Ex-Senator William J. Tully, of Corning and New York, are with Mr. Houghton. Mr. Tully is Mr. Houghton's brother-in-law.

Pratt Stays in Race.

Mr. Pratt has been asked by these leaders to make way for Mr. Houghton, and has declined. The Democrats, particularly in Elmira, are doing all they can to add bitterness to the Republican family quarrel in the hope that two Republicans, after the primary, will take the field, in which event they hope to elect a Democrat. The district in normal times is Republican by 6,000.

Mr. Pratt owns "The Corning Journal," Mr. Houghton is compelled to depend on "The Corning Leader," the Democratic paper, for his local publicity. Mr. White threatens to run a people's candidate. He says that the plain people are disgusted with both the Pratt and Houghton factions and that he stands a good chance to win.

In a printed address to the voters Mr. Pratt says: "At the solicitation of many friends and supporters and following my own inclinations I have decided to be a candidate for nomination to succeed myself."

He invites attention to his record in the House, having supported the President, and, in addition, he supported the Susan B. Anthony amendment and voted for the national prohibition amendment. Furthermore, he has two sons in the military service. The Houghton managers are more worried over the appealing power of those two soldiers in khaki than over any other one feature of the canvass. Mr. Pratt is a 3rd degree Mason and a past exalted ruler of the Order of Elks. He is also a good fighter.

Mr. Houghton has what appears to be an advantage in the enthusiastic backing of the organization leaders in the counties named. Mr. Fassett and his wife are influential in Elmira. The fact is true of Mr. and Mrs. Smyth in Owego. Mr. Dwight, of Tompkins County, and Mr. and Mrs. Tully in Corning. The Houghton people will make a special drive to enlist the women voters. The campaign, it is under way. Mr. Houghton, in a letter says in part:

"Upon the action of Congress during the war and during the period of reconstruction that must inevitably follow the war will, I believe, in large measure depend the fate of free institutions for a hundred years to come."

Fassett Indorses Houghton

"I know of no one in the State of New York better fitted by education, training and experience for the office of Representative in Congress than Alanson B. Houghton," said ex-Representative Fassett to The Tribune representative yesterday.

"He is one of our big men. With our nation at war, right-minded Americans are selecting the right men and the right methods for the discharge of great responsibilities. Mr. Houghton classes up to a high standard in every respect. His nomination is not being sought in order to hurt any one, or to even up old political scores. If he is nominated in the primaries, as he doubtless will be, it will be because the voters desire a big man to fit a big job. I think his nomination will be equivalent to election."

Motorization of Artillery

Nearly Finished by Pershing

WASHINGTON, April 27.—With the safe arrival in France of large shipments of artillery tractors, the programme for the motorization of field artillery units included in the American expeditionary force now has been practically completed. The only exceptions are a few batteries of three-inch and 75-millimeter guns.

The change will result in substantial saving of cargo space through the elimination of the regular shipments of forage and of draft animals. Eventually it will be possible to materially decrease the vast reserves of grain and forage now maintained in France.

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At Camp Meade, Maryland

BONNER, Charles W., Jr., 476 Clinton Avenue, Brooklyn, infantry.
BOSS, Joseph E., 290 Fourth Street, Jersey City, infantry.
BRADY, John B., 406 West 124th Street, New York City.
CAMPBELL, Edward A., 4654 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, infantry.
DODD, Elmer S., 41 Montclair Avenue, Montclair, N. J., infantry.
DWOIRETZKY, Andrew, 211 East 105th Street, New York City, infantry.
EASLEY, Ronald M., 1 Madison Avenue, New York City, infantry.
EDWARDS, William R., 30 Vernilys Avenue, New York City, infantry.
FISHER, Henry L., 919 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, infantry.
FITZGIBBON, William A., 143 Milton Street, Brooklyn, infantry.
GARRISON, William V., 2741 Boulevard, Jersey City, infantry.
GILLET, Omar G., 150 Magnolia Avenue, Jersey City, infantry.
JACKSON, Joseph H., 26 Bell Street, Montclair, N. J., infantry.
LAMBERT, William G., Maya Landing, N. J., infantry.
LEE, Charles A., 50 Grove Street, Plainfield, N. J., infantry.
MEARA, Daniel J., Trenton, N. J., infantry.
MUNDE, Charles A., 328 Eighth Street, Brooklyn, infantry.
PATTON, Henry M., 192 West Fifty-seventh Street, New York City, infantry.
REINHARDSEN, Daniel, 171 Laroona Avenue, Mount Vernon, N. Y., infantry.
ROONEY, Patrick, 112 Sycamore Avenue, Jersey City, infantry.
TAYLOR, Harry, 135 Engert Avenue, Brooklyn, infantry.
TOOLAN, John E., Perth Amboy, N. J., infantry.
WILLIAMSON, Thomas J., West Point, N. Y., infantry.

At Camp Zachary Taylor, Kentucky

HAROLD, Frank J., 15 South Chelsea Avenue, Atlantic City, N. J., infantry.
KRAUS, Frank B., Mays Landing, N. J., infantry.
LAFLE, William T., 449 Ellicott Street, Batavia, N. Y., infantry.
MAY, William, 466 East Seventy-fifth Street, New York City, infantry.
MEYER, William H., 988 Greene Avenue, Brooklyn, field artillery.
NORVELL, Edward S., 521 Park Avenue, New York City, field artillery.
STAY, William, 601 St. Mark's Avenue, Brooklyn, field artillery.
THOMPSON, Clinton F., 115 Tyler Street, Trenton, N. J., infantry.

At Camp McClellan, Alabama

ADAMS, Richard J., 21 South Clinton Avenue, New York City, field artillery.
BALDWIN, Harry W., 35 Bridge Street, Newark, N. J., infantry.
BLACK, Stuart K., Sennett, N. Y., field artillery.
BLACKHAM, Henry R., 323 Fairmount Avenue, Jersey City, field artillery.
BOGART, Arthur L., 35 North Burnet Street, East Orange, N. J., field artillery.
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BOWEN, Urban E., 141 Palmer Avenue, Syosset, N. Y., field artillery.
BOWKER, Charles D., 50 Hudson Street, Trenton, N. J., infantry.
BRADLEY, John J., 94 Marshall Street, Paterson, N. J., infantry.
BROCKMAN, Robert H., 816 High Street, West Hoboken, N. J., infantry.
BURDETTE, Coleman B., Englewood, N. J., infantry.
BURKE, James J., 40 North Fourth Street, Newark, N. J., field artillery.
BURNS, John H., 96 Second Avenue, Long Branch, N. J., field artillery.
BURSLEY, Sidney C., 129 Gordonhurst Avenue, Montclair, N. J., field artillery.
CARROLL, Edward E., 148 West Second Street, Fulton, N. Y., infantry.
CARR, William T., 225 Byrd Avenue, Trenton, N. J., infantry.
CAULFIELD, John J., 423 West Front Street, Plainfield, N. J., field artillery.
CLARK, Robert, 139 Hollywood Avenue, East Orange, N. J., field artillery.
CORNELL, Edward S., 66 Haled Street, East Orange, N. J., field artillery.
CONOVER, Milton, Harrisonville, N. J., infantry.

COPPER, William P., 292 Oakland Avenue, New Brighton, N. Y., infantry.
CREELY, William, 626 Berkeley Street, Camden, N. J., infantry.
CROSBY, Merritt W., 882 Broadway, Bayonne, N. J., infantry.
CRUICKSHANK, Henry R., 41 William Street, East Orange, N. J., field artillery.
DENNETT, Harold G., 408 Graham Avenue, Paterson, N. J., infantry.
DITTO, William D., 805 Van Doer Street, Staten Island, N. Y., infantry.
DICK, Harry C., Jr., Elizabeth, N. J., field artillery.

DONOHUE, James W., 77 Fairmont Street, Newark, N. J., infantry.
DOUGLAS, Harry A., 1164 Orange Street, Newark, N. J., infantry.
DUNCAN, Alexander M., 435 Seventh Avenue, Newark, N. J., infantry.

DWYER, Benjamin J., 263 State Street, Auburn, N. Y., field artillery.
EVERETT, John W., 335 Central Avenue, Orange, N. J., field artillery.
EVERETT, Edward S., 25 Burnette Street, Newark, N. J., infantry.
FLAHERTY, John, 63 Union Street, Waterbury, N. J., infantry.
FELAS, Russell C., 80 West Broadway, Salem, N. J., infantry.
GILWAY, Joseph P., Tenafly, N. J., field artillery.

GARDNER, Preston D., 2112 Beverly Road, Brooklyn, field artillery.

GIVEN, Charles K., 278 North Twentieth Street, Newark, N. J., infantry.

GILMORE, Ralph P., 3311 Mickle Street, Camden, N. J., infantry.

GORDON, Kathleen E., 250 Watchung Avenue, East Orange, N. J., infantry.

GOGIN, Walter J., 67 Clinton Street, Blomfield, N. J., field artillery.

GOONKA, Orie L., 10 Greenwood Avenue, East Orange, N. J., field artillery.

HEDGES, Philip H., 363 Broad Street, Newark, N. J., field artillery.

HENRY, John A., 228 Emerson Avenue, Plainfield, N. J., field artillery.

HETHERINGTON, John W., 62 Belmont Avenue, Jersey City, field artillery.

HICKMAN, Alfred M., 604 First Avenue, Avery Park, N. J., field artillery.

HILLIER, Richard J., 819 Belmont Avenue, Jersey City, field artillery.

HOLLER, Thomas L., Manasquan, N. J., field artillery.

HOLLEY, Henry W., 44 High Street, Jersey City, infantry.

HOWELL, George S., 338 Roseville Avenue, Newark, N. J., infantry.

HOFFMAN, Harold J., 116 John Street, South Amboy, N. J., infantry.

HYLEN, Oscar W., Haddon Heights, N. J., infantry.

JAMES, Louis W., 100 Fabyn Place, Newark, N. J., field artillery.

JONES, Leslie J., 1269 Bloomfield Street, Hoboken, infantry.

JOYCE, William T., 81 Penn Avenue, Newark, N. J., infantry.

KIRK, William W., Newark, N. J., field artillery.

Mayor Plans to Buy Coal to Aid City's Poor Next Winter

Directs Defence Committee and Department of Markets to Co-operate

Declaring that the Federal Fuel Administrators had warned the city officials that another fuel shortage was expected next winter, Mayor Hylan yesterday wrote a letter to Comptroller George W. Loft, of the Mayor's Committee on National Defence, asking him to cooperate with the Department of

Markets in the purchase and storage of coal for sale to the poor people of the city next winter. The Mayor said that the City Chamberlain would endeavor to raise funds for financing the undertaking from the banking interest of the city if city funds could not be immediately available for this purpose.

The Mayor said that not less than 300,000 tons of coal should be bought and stored this summer for this purpose, beginning at once. The letter follows:

"The Federal Fuel Administrators have warned us that there is another fuel shortage awaiting us, and it seems to me that your committee can render no greater patriotic service than to devote itself to preventing distress from that cause to the direct and indirect dependents of those who will be under arms in the service of their country."

Lack Storage Facilities
"There are many thousands of families in New York who have not and will not have the money or storage facilities to make advance provision against a probable coal famine next winter."

Realizing this, it is our duty to act for them so far as we can. I therefore, designate your committee to undertake, in cooperation with the Department of Markets, this humane task—i. e., the purchase and storage of coal for sale to the poor of New York next winter. "Although the newly created Department of Markets has not authority to employ the city's credit for such a purpose, it is not possible for them at this time to handle the matter without cooperation, as, in addition to other duties, they are concentrating what available machinery they have on the ice question—the supply for the poor coming summer."

"The City Chamberlain will be my representative in procuring such cooperation as may be necessary and possible on the part of the banking interests of the city to assist in financing this undertaking. If city funds cannot be made immediately available for this purpose."

Aid Pledged to Dealers
"An organization known as the Greater New York Retail Coal Dealers' Association, claiming a membership of 3,000 coal pedlars and asserting that

it is the largest medium of distribution to the very poor of New York, has also pledged its cooperation. "During the months of December, January and February the average consumption of 'pedlars' coal—that is, coal sold in very small quantities, i. e., up to 100 pounds—is about 25,000 tons per week. But less than 800,000 tons of this kind of coal should be bought and stored this summer, beginning at once. "Please, therefore, select an efficient and sympathetic sub-committee, such member of which must realize the serious responsibility resting upon him, to take complete charge of this matter."

Nebraska Leads in War Savings Stamps

Purchases One-Tenth of Entire Amount Sold in United States

WASHINGTON, April 27.—Nebraska has bought one-tenth of all the war

savings and thrift stamps sold since the campaign opened, nearly five months ago, according to a report by the National War Savings Committee. Up to April 1, the total receipts from savings stamps sales was \$125,361,972, of which Nebraska contributed \$12,273,793. New York was second with \$11,183,305. Pennsylvania has raised \$10,868,034. Nebraska has raised \$11.06 for every man, woman and child within her borders. The District of Columbia is second, with \$3.73 per capita, and Missouri and Kansas follow with \$3.12 and \$3.11 respectively. Of the twenty leading states, all but five are west of the Mississippi River.

This month the Treasury reports show average receipts of \$2,500,000 a day, or at the rate of \$800,000,000 a year. The daily average is constantly rising, having been \$730,000 in December, \$1,250,000 in January, \$1,500,000 in February and \$2,227,000 in March. This indicates that the Liberty Loan campaign is not having a depressing effect on systematic war savings.

A LETTER FROM FRANCE

"And in Music They Appear to Find the Solace and Inspiration Which They Seek"

WE publish herewith an interesting letter recently received from the Manager of our Branch in Paris. Mr. Brown speaks of the number of Aeolian employees who have joined the French colors. In this connection we are proud to state that from the different Aeolian Branches and factories here and abroad more than eight hundred have gone to fight under the flags of the Allies. Of significance is also his statement regarding the unusual demand for musical instruments in both France and Spain. Our records show that a practically similar condition exists in the other Allied Countries engaged in the war. If proof were needed it is supplied by the figures in these commercial reports, that music, especially music in the home, is not a luxury, but more now than ever one of the most important spiritual necessities of life.

PARIS, FRANCE

H. B. Tremaine, Esq.
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My Dear Mr. Tremaine:

Since the beginning of the war I have sent you our monthly reports, as usual, and you have been kind enough to commend our staff here for what you have been pleased to call its excellent showing.

I am writing to thank you on my own behalf and that of my associates, and in doing so I thought it might interest you to know about the conditions here in somewhat more detail than is contained in my formal statements.

When you left us here in Paris, the day before the war was declared, none of us had any idea of what we were going to be called upon to face in the months and years that were to follow. Were you to return today, you would miss almost all of the old employees, who use to greet you on the occasion of your annual visits. Of our local force, numbering before the war 117 employees, 102 left us to do their part in this great conflict in the first three weeks of the war.

What is true of the Aeolian Company in Paris, is true of all other business houses here, and we are glad and proud to have been able to do our share in the great cause.

You have expressed surprise at the large business we have done. I, myself, have been surprised for, except during the first few months following the beginning of hostilities, the demand for musical instruments has steadily been increasing, and our business would be much larger than it is, were it not for the difficulty of obtaining instruments to sell.

As you know, we are now manufacturing here, and with the added supply of instruments this will enable us to obtain, I confidently predict that our business this year in

the North of France will be one of the largest and most profitable in its history.

Of course, the prices of our instruments here are much higher than before the war—in some instances they are nearly double—but this, as you know from my reports, has not stopped their sale. On the contrary, as I said before, we could sell many more were we able to obtain them. People seem to feel the need of comfort and diversion in this great crisis, and in music they appear to find the solace and inspiration which they seek. I have actually had Pianolas in the support trenches right at the front.

I am very sorry we were not able to obtain more Aeolian-Vocalions. The few we were able to import created a most favourable impression with all who saw and heard them. The musicians to whom I showed them were particularly enthusiastic.

I was very sorry you were unable to come to Paris when you visited London last year, but I am counting upon your being here as soon as the war is over, and I have a place already picked out where from one of our windows on the Avenue de l'Opera, you can review your splendid troops, and our own boys when together they shall return victorious from this brutal conflict.

Mr. Santesteban and Mr. Dubois, the only two of the old staff who are here at the moment, join me in sending our sincere greetings.

With kinds regards, believe me,

Yours very truly,

THE AEOLIAN COMPANY

(Signed) J. E. Brown

P. S.—Since writing the above, the mail has brought the monthly statement of the business of the Aeolian Branch in Madrid, a copy of which I am enclosing. The business shows an increase of fifty per cent over the same period last year.

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